

PAYSON CITY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Mountain View Hospital, 1000 East 100 North, Suite 325, Payson UT 84651  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
Meeting held virtually via Zoom

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| CONDUCTING        | Brian Hulet                                                                                                                                            |
| COMMITTEE MEMBERS | Brian Hulet, Dave Tuckett, City Manager, Scott Phillips, Taresa Hiatt, Mike Hardy, Ty Jones, Todd Brightwell, Lyn Abplanap, Scott Wilson Win Jeanfreau |
| OTHERS<br>EXCUSED | Zach Lovell                                                                                                                                            |
| STAFF             | Amanda Baker – Secretary                                                                                                                               |

Meeting began at 8:00 am

Motion by Mike Hardy to approve the Minutes from February and March. Motion seconded by Bill Wight

Discussion was held regarding how COVID-19 has affected the businesses in Payson.

Lynn reported that business is good and their challenge is getting employees to come into work because they are scared. He reported the City could help control the information so that there isn't the fear factor out there. They are getting back to "normal." The new normal being; face masks and cleaning every two hours. He reported they are not looking to hire right now.

Bill reported there was a report of some businesses in Payson that contributed to the COVID hotspot in Payson. As far as information goes he is submitting a letter to the Herald which will hopefully clear some of the misinformation up. Brian reported Dave and the Mayor have been working hard to get to the bottom of all the information.

Scott expressed gratitude to the Mayor for the offer of help. He said it has been an increase in workload for everyone, and the future for the school is still up in the air. The School District is working with the county Health Department and the State Office of Education. He stated he is hopeful that things move to yellow and the kids can return to school but we just don't know. He reported the School District will be offering a summer bridge program for the kids that need it.

Kris reported that they have been closed but they are looking to open next weekend. She reported the community has been so supportive. They are looking at proper separation but they can open as long as they make sure there are gaps in between each group. Kris mentioned that they won't have any new movies until July.

Ty reported they are doing a soft close where they close their door and just help through the door or on the phone. Ty reported insurance is still important and has helped people to realize they need to be prepared so they have seen an increase in business. Some businesses have seen that people don't want to come back because they make more on unemployment. Ty reported he is working with the chamber and they are trying to come up with ways to help the businesses. He reported he is doing ok

Taresa reported her business is down about 33%. They are open and are hoping that as people feel comfortable about spending money, things will look up. Taresa reported she has been amazed at the number

of people that don't have a computer. Scott mentioned they have given out over 20K Chromebooks and have offered hotspot locations for those that don't have internet. He said he has been amazed at how many needed the resources.

David Charles reported some of his tenants have tried to take advantage of the no evictions until May 15<sup>th</sup>. His cold storage business has had a huge influx but he is concerned that the restaurants are struggling to move their product and it's coming up on their use-by dates. He says the restaurants are working through it and hopefully they won't have much loss.

Dave reported it's a moving target every day. Last week with the story about Payson being the COVID hot spot, there was a lot of bad information out there. There was a lot of discussion with the health department and it's hard to get the information. He mentioned the City is working with the Chamber to encourage people to support the local restaurants. As far as the City goes, all employees are being screened when they come into work. The development services department is still really busy. Dave reported we see a dip in the building permits and we are seeing a dip in the gas tax income.

Mayor reported he talked to the owners of Taco Time and they reported they haven't seen a decline because of the drive up. The new owner of Dalton's has some good ideas of ways they want to change Daltons. They are looking to open soon. Mayor reported that Chubby's is still looking to locate here and have submitted plans for remodel.

Todd gave an update on the Great Wolf Lodge project. He reported they have gone quiet. He said before COVID-19 they were not looking to locate in Payson. He said his company has reached out and they are just trying to get through this time. Todd mentioned he is happy to hear all the efforts that are being made in Payson. On the national front, he reported that there is still a lot of stuff moving forward with industrial businesses. He stated that one of the things that are being impacted is City budgets. He would like to sit down and talk about the competitive advantage for the City. Brian asked if Utah has an advantage because they did not shut down completely. Todd said that it will be an advantage. Brian stated we need to be prepared rather than sitting back and waiting for things to blow over.

Brian reported he and Win have come up with a Payson COVID Response Plan so that we can get some of the money allocated to the counties by the legislature. Win presented information on this plan and discussion was held. Mayor Wright reported the Mayor's group has met and are concerned that they will not share the money with the cities.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am